

2. **(Twice Amended)** The method of claim 1, wherein said protein comprises an amino acid sequence at least 90% identical to SEQ ID NO 2, and wherein expression of said protein induces apoptosis.
3. **(Twice Amended)** The method of claim 1, wherein said protein ~~has~~ comprises an amino acid sequence at least 95% identical to SEQ ID NO 2, and wherein expression of said protein induces apoptosis.
4. **(Twice Amended)** The method of claim 1, wherein said protein ~~has~~ comprises an amino acid sequence at least 99% identical to SEQ ID NO 2, and wherein expression of said protein induces apoptosis.
5. **(Twice Amended)** The method of claim 1, wherein said protein comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2, and wherein expression of said protein induces apoptosis.
6. **(Twice Amended)** A method of inducing apoptosis in a cell, comprising expressing in said cell an effective amount of a fragment of SEQ ID NO: 2, wherein expression of said fragment induces apoptosis.
10. **(Amended)** A method of inducing apoptosis in a cell, comprising expressing in said cell an effective amount of a protein comprising an amino acid sequence encoded by a nucleotide sequence that hybridizes under stringent conditions, including a wash step of 0.2X SSC at 65 °C, to SEQ ID NO: 1, wherein expression of said protein induces apoptosis.
11. **(Amended)** A method of inducing apoptosis in a cell, comprising expressing in said cell an effective amount of a fragment of SEQ ID NO: 2 comprising amino acid residues 168-240 of SEQ ID NO: 2, wherein expression of said fragment induces apoptosis.
12. **(Amended)** A method of inducing apoptosis in a cell, comprising expressing in said cell an effective amount of a protein comprising amino acid residues 168-240 of SEQ ID NO: 2, wherein expression of said protein induces apoptosis.
13. **(Amended)** A method of inducing apoptosis in a cell, comprising expressing in said cell an effective amount of a protein consisting essentially of amino acid residues 168-240 of SEQ ID NO: 2, wherein expression of said protein induces apoptosis.

*The amended claims are re-stated below to reflect changes with respect to the last filing.*

1. (Twice Amended) A method of inducing apoptosis in a cell, comprising expressing in said cell an effective amount of a ~~purified~~ protein comprising an amino acid sequence at least 80% identical to SEQ ID NO: 2, wherein expression of said protein induces apoptosis.
2. (Twice Amended) The method ~~purified protein~~ of claim 1, wherein said protein ~~has~~ comprises an amino acid sequence at least 90% identical to SEQ ID NO 2, and wherein expression of said protein induces apoptosis.
3. (Twice Amended) The method ~~purified protein~~ of claim 1, wherein said protein ~~has~~ comprises an amino acid sequence at least 95% identical to SEQ ID NO 2, and wherein expression of said protein induces apoptosis.
4. (Twice Amended) The method ~~purified protein~~ of claim 1, wherein said protein ~~has~~ comprises an amino acid sequence at least 99% identical to SEQ ID NO 2, and wherein expression of said protein induces apoptosis.
5. (Twice Amended) The method ~~purified protein~~ of claim 1, wherein said protein ~~has~~ comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2, and wherein expression of said protein induces apoptosis.
6. (Twice Amended) A method of inducing apoptosis in a cell, comprising expressing in said cell an effective amount of a fragment of SEQ ID NO: 2, wherein expression of said fragment ~~that~~ induces apoptosis.
10. (Amended) A method of inducing apoptosis in a cell, comprising expressing in said cell an effective amount of a ~~purified~~ protein comprising an amino acid sequence encoded by a nucleotide sequence that hybridizes under stringent conditions, including a wash step of 0.2X SSC at 65 °C, to SEQ ID NO: 1, wherein expression of said protein induces apoptosis.